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Grants Available for Addressing Disproportionate Minority Contact

Agencies in Christian, Fayette, Hardin and Jefferson counties may apply for funding

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 8, 2018) – On June 15th, the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice will begin accepting applications for the Title II Formula Grants Program, which supports community-based initiatives that seek to reduce disproportionate minority contact in the juvenile justice system.

Nonprofit organizations and local government agencies in Christian, Fayette, Hardin, and Jefferson counties are eligible to apply.

In order to be eligible to apply for this grant funding, at least one (1) pertinent staff from the applicant organization/agency must complete a mandatory Title II Pre-Application training between June 15 to June 22 with Elizabeth Jenkins, DMC Coordinator. To schedule, contact Elizabeth Jenkins at 502-229-6364 or email at elizabethn.jenkins@ky.gov.

Approximately \$80,000 will be available through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, an office under the United States Department of Justice. The funds have been allocated for assessments, research, and programming that addresses disproportionate minority contact.

Federal guidelines require that states undertake specific delinquency prevention and system improvement efforts to reduce the disproportionate number of minority youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

The application will be released on June 15, 2018. The application can be accessed from June 15 through July 6, 2018, via the Department of Juvenile Justice website at <http://djj.ky.gov> or via the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board website at <http://www.jjab.ky.gov>. The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. EST July 6, 2018.

The funding cycle for the grant will be October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019.

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